



WONGA PARK CRICKET CLUB

MATCH REPORTS – ROUND 11 Season 2020/21





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Games Milestone

As announced on Thursday this round marked Garry Harwood's 400th Senior game. First playing in 1986/87 Garry has racked up the following numbers:

- 4081 runs @ 17.67 with 1 century (100*) being his highest score. Included in his 320 innings are 33 ducks including the Duck award in 2002/03
- 476 wickets from the 17472 balls he has bowled with a best of 7-21.
- 85 games as captain.
- Garry marked the occasion with the winning runs on Saturday as the 7ths cruised to an easy win.

1st Senior Wicket

Cody Kear was playing his 4th Senior game this week, all of these have been at Serpells. He broke through with his 1st Senior wicket, taking 2/15 off his 3 overs as the 8ths recorded another victory. He is now only 90 behind his old man Eugene.

1ST XI V NORWOOD

The 1st XI made the trip down to Mullum Mullum reserve to take on Norwood in what was a mouth-watering top of the table clash. The end of an extraordinary stretch of away games for the firsts that may very well date back to the stone age, whatever happened to the old home-away-home-away fixturing? Perhaps a question for another day, anyway, on to the cricket. The warmup soccer game saw a 2-1 victory for the batsmen, and Dyl Mathews handed the David Boon t-shirt for worst on ground, this despite a pass completion rate of 100% (4th week in a row). The mind boggles. Wigs then went out to the middle for an unnecessarily long chat with the umpires and opposing skipper before doing what he does best, and that is losing the toss, alas we found ourselves in the field.

Unfortunately, as a collective we were not at our best with the ball or with our fielding, Norwood's top order had some consistent contributors, most notably an opening bat who hit a chanceless 63. They ended up with 202, a good score, but on a big ground like Norwood it was gettable & we went in at the break confident of a good run chase. Pick of the bowlers was Sammy Mathews with 2/30 off 7. Special mention to ol' sticky mits Rick Letson, who continued the trend of dropping a catch every Saturday. Is that 3 weeks in a row? Or maybe 4? Hard to keep track.

S Mathews 2/30 (7 overs)

J Wigney 2/19 (3 overs)

D Mathews 1/28 (8 overs)

On to the batting, unfortunately we lost Benny Mathews early and at 1-20 this bought the seasoned campaigner, the wily veteran, the old dog Benny Osborne to the crease, together with the inform Snaggle they kept things ticking over nicely before snags went for 20, with the score on 56. Oz played the steady hand through the innings, calling upon his wealth of cricketing experience, and some creative stroke play before eventually falling for a well compiled 49 (loves a score in the 40's atm). At this stage, the score was 5-149, needing around 8-9 an over of the last 6, we were in with a real chance. Unfortunately, no one was able to score over a run a ball & play that match winning cameo late & we fell 15 runs short.

B Osborne 49

J McDonell 20

J Wigney 17

Extras 46

I'll leave you with this quote from 19th century ophthalmologist Austin O'Malley, 'If you learn from a loss you have not lost.' Well Austin, technically we did lose, but I think what this fella meant to say is that we will learn from it and be better for it going forward. Onto Bayswater Park next week.

Bowens
THE BUILDERS' CHOICE

LOSS

WPCC 9/187 

Opposition 6/202

2ND XI V MOUNT EVELYN

Last weekend so the 2s once again at home, this time against a Mount Evelyn side who were joint top of the ladder at the start of the day.

Bowling first, consistent pressure from all the bowlers combined with some good fielding and Mount Evelyn were soon 4-32. Despite a good effort from one of the opposition batsmen, wickets kept falling at the other end and with them unable to put any pressure back on us, they could muster an under par 8-133.

N Johnson 3/35

T Hancock 2/25

Hanky and DK were the chosen opening partnership this week and went out to bat understandably confident, and that would have only grown as hanky got us off to a flyer hitting 22 in the first few overs. Despite this, both openers were dismissed soon after to leave us in a slightly precarious position of 2-25. This brought Burkey and Cam to the crease and the pair of them quickly got into their work and started knocking of the required runs quickly, punishing the loose balls which came at regular intervals. The pair of them never looked like getting out and comfortably saw us home with 8 wickets in hand and 17 overs remaining.

N Burke 67*

T Hancock 22

A really good all round performance stamping out authority over a side we're most likely to come up against later on in the year

#2sdontlose



WIN

WPCC 2/134 

Opposition 8/133

3RD XI V YARRA JUNCTION

This week the 3s caught the 6:30am red eye up to Yarra Junction for a 12 o'clock start. After being sent in to bat (mistake), Fuzz and Whitey set out to get the lads off to a good start, with dropped 2s batsman Xavier Carrick and Liam Rollo in at 3 and 4. Uncharacteristically, Fuzz looked good early on, and with Whitey at his usual best, the 3s sped to 0/120 at tea on a 140 par ground. Looking to capitalise on their good start Whitey and Fuzz both started freeing the arms, with Whitey going for 55 and Fuzz just short of 50 for 48, despite his scoring being very visible on the electronic scoreboard. Whether Fuzz's runs are the result of an intense, analytical breakdown of his batting in previous reports, or another change in his pre match routines during the week is not to be known, but one can speculate. What came next was nothing short of a catastrophe, with the 3s losing 9/30 in an attempt to replicate, or even surpass India's 3rd innings collapse in Adelaide. Except the 3s didn't have Josh Hazelwood and Pat Cummins bowling at them, and instead snicked off to 73km half volleys outside the off. The collapse include 5 ducks, starting with 2s hopeful Liam Rollo (yuck shot caught down leg side for an 11-baller), then Jake Guerin (ball hit a crack and jagged a mile on a pitch that was doing quite a bit) followed by Pete Wright (caught at mid-off in an attempt to hit a 6 second ball of his innings, really smart batting), and finally the innings closed out by golden ducks from Ethan Lovell and Brad Condick (pad quite literally blown off). With a nice looking 20 from Xavier Carrick, the 3s scraped to 158, and went into their bowling innings confident.

J White 55

B Mullens 49

With no Nick Palmer this week, Ethan Lovell was handed the new ball with Lachie Poli, with the two getting the 3s off to a great start, having Junction 3/23 after the opening 10. Jake Guerin came on a spun his way to a good little 4fa, while in the process dropping Junctions best bat off his own bowling, and in the process, his first 5fa. When asked to give a statement about the catch, Mini simply gave a "no comment", however the tears in his eyes told us all we needed to know. Dan Schlueter bowled fantastically with Mini, unluck to only pick up 1 wicket, due to a dropped catch from mid-off merchant Brad Condick. Based on the look on Dan's face after the drop, another dropped catch would've seen him walk straight off the field and endure the 6hr walk home, which probably would've given him just enough time to calm down and blow off some necessary steam. In the end the 3s managed to scrape home by 20 runs, unable to pull together a full game, yet knocking off previously undefeated Yarra Junction in the process. It's a big run home for the 3s now, and with their eye on a flag, rumours tell me Tyler Parker's spot is in serious jeopardy after yet another poor batting performance at number 7 and not bowling. Although, his talk in the field has improved.

J Guerin 4/21

E Lovell 3/33



WIN

WPCC 158

Opposition 136



4TH XI V BORONIA

The 4ths were playing their 5th Home game in a row up the top and needed a win to maintain contact with the top 4. Playing the bottom side, Boronia, the day didn't start well with Jason losing the toss and we were in the field.

Hubba and the skipper opened the bowling. After a quick change of ends for the bowlers Jason snagged the 1st wicket, knocking the opener's stumps over. His 2nd was not so graceful, sticking a big mitt out for a return catch off a rank full toss - 2/21. Boronia consolidated with a 40 run partnership but the introduction of Chooka slowed the scoring and saw wickets falling regularly. Bowling in partnership with Zach, Chook picked up 4 wickets and if not for a dropped catch from the grizzly old veteran could have had a Michelle. Zach grabbed a couple himself and with Hubba picking up 1 for himself we restricted Boronia to 9/138. An excellent result on the top oval on the back of 40 overs of good concentration. Highlights of the fielding was Hubba's slide and handstand to take a sensational catch.

J Kimpton 4/19

J Lovell 2/11

A change in the top order with Fordy opening and looking to find some form. The move worked with he and Tom putting on 35 for the 1st wicket before Fordy played all around one from the opener and had his castle knocked over for 26. Jason joined Tom and they took the score to 90 before Jason got greedy. Having already taken 13 off the over he tried to get another boundary and only succeeded in hitting a catch straight to the opposition skipper. Kanga came and went for a scratchy 15. Adam got a quick 13 and together with Tom (38no) they got us the win in the 30th over.

The percentage boost has pushed us up to 5th pending Chirnside's result and with 3 more games to go and we probably need to aim to win all 3 to ensure finals. With games against the 3rd and 4th placed teams we have a chance to influence our own destiny.

T Glide 38*

J Lovell 35

chirnside park
auto care

WIN

WPCC 3/139 

Opposition 9/138

5TH XI V ST ANDREWS

With trepidation we headed out to Kinley with little expectation to play after rain on Friday, although a win was needed to keep us in 4th position. Upon arriving the ground was soft and the pitch dry, so game on. Winning the toss, we sent St Andrews into bat. Opening the bowling with Lachie Keyhoe and Ben Parker we were off to a great start having them 1/11 and then 2/12. A partnership then formed to get them to 52 before Dylan Berg came on to capture his first for the day, wickets then continued to fall having the last batsman out for 116 halfway through the last over. The bowlers bowled exceptionally well and were backed up by everyone in the field a fantastic all-round effort in the first half.

Lachie Keyhoe 4/27

Dylan Berg 3/28

After a short break we headed out to bat with confidence. Their opening bowlers were tight, and we looked to see them out, unfortunately we lost Adam Boxshall with the score on 32 and from there the wickets just kept tumbling at way to regular intervals. Fortunately for us we had Warren Ashby in at 6 where he managed to steady the ship to a certain extent making a well compiled 42 not out with Lachie Keyhoe not out for 3, winning in the last over of the day. We will be working hard this week at training on our batting and the value of our wickets, with only 2 batsmen making it into double figures.

A good win even if it was closer than we wanted, bottom side this week, looking forward to another win.

Anthony Crowe 47

Warren Ashby 42*



6TH XI V ST ANDREWS

The mighty 6's travelled out to St Andrews for a must win game. The skipper had been reiterating the importance of this game throughout the week, so the team were primed for a good performance. After last week where many of us struggled to clear or even get close to hitting the boundary, the batters of the team eyed off the short boundaries of Arrabri.

Not sure who won the toss, but Adam and Disco opened up for us. The boys got the team off to an outstanding start with the running between the wickets a real highlight. The pair put on 57 before Disco departed for 21. Mike Larder joined Adam and preceded to knock the bowling around with a couple of well hit boundaries. Unfortunately for our fearless leader he skied a full toss and left the scene for 13. Adam continued on his way punishing anything short and utilizing the short boundaries. He got to his well-deserved retirement around drinks. This brought together Tim and Damo who proceeded to put on a master class. The pair hit to all parts of the ground with an array of well-timed shots. Tim pulled out his reverse sweep and Damo punished anything that wasn't on the stumps. They hit the 50 mark around the same time, retiring with about four overs to go. Thanks to some clean hitting from Sean and Matt Phillips we managed to put together our highest score of the year, finishing on 3/246.

D Osborn 51*

A Atkinson 50*

T George 50*

After Tim presented 6's rookie Matt Phillips with a moving "welcome to the 6's" speech and gifts (voltaren tablets, 100 energy drink and a bottle opener), we took the field keen for a couple of early wickets. Muzza obliged as he so often does, knocking out the pegs of one their openers. Tim's inspirational speech must have worked as Matt joined the party with the 2nd wicket not long after. St Andrews held firm and dug in for a few overs while our bowlers continued with their line and length bowling. Lily and Sean came on and bowled extremely well building the pressure with great team bowling. Lily had the captain absolutely plum with a cracker of a ball. The umpire wasn't so sure though. Back on his stumps, hitting him in the shins You get the picture! Sean made up for the howler getting the captain caught at mid-on. The 6's rookie then ripped out a beautiful bit of fielding for a run out just before drinks.

Apart from a small cameo from the opposition's number 6, the next few overs belonged to Damo. Ripping through the tail taking four wickets in a very short space of time. He managed to get himself on a hatrick with two sensational wickets, sending the stumps flying on both occasions. The hatrick ball was one to remember. The end result was the three stumps out of the ground again..... Unfortunately, it wasn't through an unplayable ball this time. After the ball had been returned to Tim behind the stumps, the occasion got the better of him and he tripped and fell through the wickets. Not the end result we were after, but bloody funny all the same. Disco chimed in with two wickets at the end with his steady line and length bowling. End result, St Andrews all out for 139.

D Osborn 4/22

A Starnawski 2/25



Win
WPCC 3/246 
Opposition 139

7TH XI V HEATHWOOD

Saturday we played Heathwood who are sitting low on the ladder with only 2 wins to their name. We had a comfortable win earlier in the year, rolling them for only 115 and chasing them down in 17 overs. Once again, Paul won the toss (has he lost one yet?) and as a keen bowler he chose to bowl first.

Garry Harwood (Mr 400) was given the new bowl and was swinging it a mile finishing with figures of 1/4 off 4 overs including 2 maidens. A tight spell from Lachlan McBain and Aiden Williams held them to just 4 runs off the next 6 overs. Just before drinks, we had the Doevelaar's combine with bailey and Paul bowling very well! With Buster the jockey pulling out the giddy up when he removed the other opener, having them 2/38 at drinks. Ash Parker and Jordan Doevelaar the pick of the bowlers, both claiming 3 wickets, with ash taking 2 in 2 balls! Paul finished off the tail off with two in a row (on a hat trick next week) bowling them out for just 89 a very gettable score.

Heathwood 10/89 of 31.4 overs

J Doevelaar 3/8 – 2 maidens

A Parker 3/11 – 1 maiden

P Doevelaar 2/3 – 2 Maidens

Now over too our batting Daz and Lachy had the task to open, and wow wee Daz did what Daz does 53 off just 20 balls as we got off to a strong start before the 2 young guns Lachy 7 and Jordyn 1 both got unlucky and fell in similar fashion.

Pittsy and Garry batted well together steering us to victory Gaz ending on 21* and Pittsy on 4*.

Wonga park 2/92 off 21 overs

D Hawley 53*

G Harwood 21*

Highlights of the game

- Garry Harwood hitting the winning runs in his 400 game for Wonga
- Bailey's dance after his wicket was absolute gold
- The G-O-A-T (Gareth Curran) supplying the drinks

Great win team lets go all the way!



WIN

WPCC 2/92



Opposition 89

8TH XI V TEMPLETON

A very windy start to the day out at home ground Serrpells. With a team full of youngsters we had Ryan Atkinson join us today for his first game with the 8ths.

Fielding first we were able to pick up wickets early with the first one off Bailey with Lachie taking a great catch at gully (after some great field placings by Captain Murph). Darcy and Zac then followed up with 2 wickets and we had Templeton 3/22 of 8 overs. The kids and the elder gentleman (Mick) then bowled some excellent tight bowling keeping Templeton to only 17 runs of the next 11 overs. At the half way mark Templeton were 3/38 off 18 overs. Cody then came on after the drinks and took 2 wickets. These were Cody's first senior wickets for Wonga Park. With tight bowling and getting wickets constantly we were able to get Templeton out for 70 after 32 overs.

Mick Mac	4-2-1-1
Cody K	3-0-2-15
Bailey W	5-1-3-9
Darcy C	4-1-2-12
Ryan	3-1-0-5
Jaz	3-1-0-4
Ray	0.2-0-1-1

Needing 70 to win we got off to a shabby start with Brodie out with score on 14, then Lachie and Darcy followed with the score on 28. Bailey and Zac then put on 47 to get us over the line. The two of them batted very well taking their time to get in then were able to play some shots hitting 30 runs off their last 4 overs with Bailey making 28* and Zac 14*.

Thanks to Cameron Swaine, Ray, Cody and Ryan for helping us out this week as we had 5 out from our normal team.



WIN
WPCC 3/75 
OPPOSITION 70